

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
MARCH 9, 1994

The meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 1994, in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, and George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Walter Howell, Sandra Lucas, Robert L. McClellan, and Ed Schneider.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lanny Monroe at 9:10 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Paul Breazeale.

**Acknowledgments/Introductions**

Lanny Monroe recognized the following guests: Nancy Alley, State Department of Education, Dr. Tommy Davis, President, East Mississippi Community College, Dr. Eddie Smith, President, East Central Community College, and Frankie White, Attorney General's Office.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Paul Breazeale, the Board approved the minutes of the February 17, 1994, meeting, amending the last paragraph of the Program Committee Report to read as follows:

Mr. Bunch presented a program application from Jones Junior College in Plastics Technology. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second by Alton Bankston the Board voted to approve the program. Motion carried - Breeden, Monroe, Purvis, Bankston, Rogers, Bridges, and Breazeale voting yes, Boston, not participating **due to her employer being a direct requestor of the program.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray reported that interested respondents are being notified of ABE grants that will be awarded for next year.

He also reminded Board members that the May Board meeting would be held at Itawamba Community College.

Dr. Ray reported that the Mississippi Emergency Management Association will have a meeting on March 16, with colleges from the ice storm effected areas of the state to discuss possible reimbursement for cost incurred in connection with the storm.

\*Dr. Billy Thames entered the meeting.

Dr. Ray shared an article on Tupelo, Mississippi that mentions Itawamba Community College from The Wall Street Journal.

\*Amos Bridges entered the meeting.

### **REPORTS/ACTION**

#### **MACJC REPORT**

Dr. Eddie Smith, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, reported on the following items discussed at the president's meeting on February 22, 1994:

Representative Eric Clark spoke to the Association on Mississippi's new economy, giving an overview of the historical aspects of our state's economy and funding.

Dr. Milton Baxter, of IHL, addressed the president's regarding the establishment of the State Post Secondary Review Entity (SPRE). Institutions will be required to comply with guidelines established by SPRE in order to qualify for Title IV funds which include Pell Grants.

Mr. Talmadge Portis, member of the State Board of Education and the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees, spoke to the presidents on the advantages of privatization.

The Association approved participation in the doctoral research of Mr. Bobby Mayo.

The presidents also heard a proposal from the Mississippi Community College Library Director's Association involving a \$10,000 grant from the Mississippi Library Commission to study the community college library system as to the possibility of establishing an electronic network to share materials.

Bill Bunch gave the SBCJC report to the presidents.

Dr. Smith reported that the Bureau of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education is in

the process of revising the guidelines for certification. The presidents have requested that the number of hours of vocational-technical education be reduced for programs which require highly skilled professional such as dentist, doctors, and physical therapists as instructors.

The Natchez Literary Festival will be held on June 2-4, 1994. Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez will be the host.

A discussion was held on the Phi Theta Kappa, All-State Academic Team recognition program.

A discussion was held on legislative matters and athletics before adjournment.

#### Finance Committee

Deborah Gilbert presented a report on disbursements from Fund 2298 for April, May, and June, in the amounts of \$5,547,678, \$4,583,489, and \$4,583,485. On staff recommendation, Paul Breazeale made a motion, seconded by Jeannet Boston, that the SBCJC approve the disbursements from Fund 2298. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Gilbert gave the bimonthly progress report on capital bond projects. All projects on House Bill 3 are complete and remaining monies have been carried over to Senate Bill 3192. No action was required. (Exhibit B)

Results of financial audits conducted by the State Auditor's office for FY 1992 were given. (Exhibit C) Copies of all audits are available for the Board's review upon request. No action was required.

A report was given on the Education Enhancement Fund for March 1994, totaling \$1,574,640. (Exhibit D) No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert gave a report on the Senate and House bills for the administration budget of the SBCJC. (Exhibit E) She also reported on the SBCJC support appropriation giving breakdowns for all sections of the bills. (Exhibit F) No action was required.

A report on financial statements for fund 2291 and fund 3291 was presented for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

In other business, staff recommended approval of the renewal of a fidelity bond covering the Board and staff. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$1,039 for renewal of a blanket fidelity bond in the amount of \$250,000 with a \$2,500 deductible.

### Program Committee

Bill Bunch reported to the Board that six schools, Coahoma Community College, Holmes Community College, Itawamba Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Northeast Community College, and Northwest Community College, were forced to cancel classes ranging in time from one and one-half days to eight days. Upon request from the SBCJC office each school responded by submitting a plan for make-up days to meet the minimum time requirements for credit.

### Foundation Policy Status Report

Mr. Monroe presented a policy on foundations to the Board and requested that the Board adopt this policy. He also reported that the foundations policy committee was requesting that the local Board of Trustees from each community college adopt this policy or a similar policy. On a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted to adopt the policy on foundations. Ayes: Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, Barbara Ricks, and Nell Rogers. Abstaining: Paul Breazeale. (Exhibit H)

### Work Force Education Legislation Report

Dr. Ray reported that the Work Force and Education Act bill had become a victim of last Tuesday's deadline. A motion to suspend the rules has been introduced in both the Senate and House to reintroduce the bill.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Bill Bunch presented a list of legislative bills dealing with SBCJC interests from the House and Senate and discussed their status with the Board.

Chairman Monroe asked Dr. Billy Thames to give the Board instructions pertaining to the Phi Theta Kappa Luncheon. Dr. Thames thanked the Board for rearranging its meeting date to coincide with the luncheon. Dr. Thames also invited the Board to participate in the Natchez Literary Festival sponsored by Copiah-Lincoln Community College, on June 2-4, 1994.

\* George Walker entered the meeting.

### EdNet Report

Paul Breazeale reported the following items covered at the last EdNet Board meeting on February 28, 1994:

A financial report prepared by Mr. Breazeale was presented and reviewed.

Securing proposals for an audit were discussed.

The Executive Director is presently trying to obtain additional office space.

EdNet is awaiting approval of small technical changes from the FCC.

A budget funding request prepared and presented to the legislature for approval has died after receiving no action before an appointed deadline.

EdNet's private partner is advertising in newspapers, on radio, and television, as well as conducting a survey of potential customers as to what additional services they might offer. On March 7, EdNet was to test the first signal, pending FCC approval. EdNet's private partner reported that a building has been secured, signal testing has begun, and they are anticipating being operational by the end of this month.

#### MS Higher Education Assistance Corp

Dr. Ray recommended to the Board that Dr. Vivian Presley, President of Coahoma Community College, be reappointed to serve on the MS Higher Education Assistance Corp Board. On a motion by George Walker and a second by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Presley to the MS Higher Education Assistance Corp Board.

#### Approval of Interagency Agreement for the MS Early Intervention System

Dr. Ray asked the Board to approve an interagency agreement between the State Department of Education, State Department of Health, Medicaid, Department of Mental Health, Department of Human Services, IHL, and community colleges, as a commission the state has established for responding to the human services need to develop an early childhood intervention system. On a motion by Bob Breeden and a second by Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously endorsed the interagency agreement.

#### Election of Officers

Lanny Monroe opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Alton Bankston nominated Paul Breazeale, seconded by Bob Breeden. George Walker made a motion, seconded by Jeannet Boston, that the nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously. The Board then voted unanimously to elect Paul Breazeale to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Chairman Monroe then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Amos Bridges nominated Nell Rogers, seconded by Jeannet Boston. Bob Breeden made a motion, seconded by Jeannet Boston, that the nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously. The Board then voted unanimously to elect Nell Rogers to serve as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

#### Travel Authorization

There were no request for travel authorization.

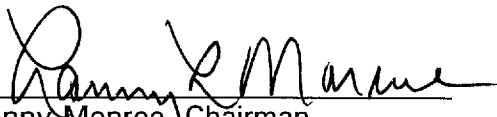
Other Business

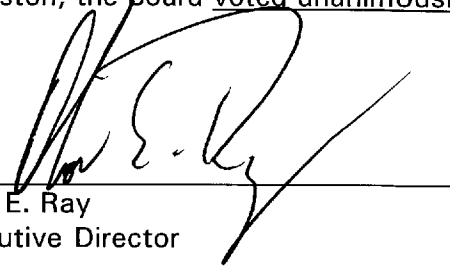
Dr. Ray distributed proposed changes to the SBCJC Policy and Procedures Manual for their review and consideration. Action will be taken on these at the April Board meeting. (Exhibit I)

Mr. Bridges requested staff report on the status of any actions or plans by community colleges to secure minority employees. He suggested that this could be done at a future meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

  
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Lanny Monroe, Chairman

  
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Executive Director